### CAPTAIN WATCHES DEADLY SHELL GOME TOWARD SHIP

Third Installment of Hun Raider in Pacific Just as Thrilling as Others.

PRESENTS PAPER FLOWERS

Orders Halder Smith to Give Skipper, of Manila, Floral Greeting After Firing Shots Over Bow of

#### BY CAPTAIN HALDOR SMITH. Copyright, 1918, by Halder Smith, by

the International News Bureau.) Captain Halder Smith, late master of the San Francisco sailing vessel R. C. Slade, which was sunk by the German sea raider Sceadler in the Pacific Ocean a few months ago, was

taken aboard the raider and held priswitness the sinking and burning of the interest is stronger now than then. many other American vessels.

an open boat to a friendly port. Captain Smith just recently arrived. It was hot. We were in the dold-in San Francisco, and wrote the story rums; it rained at any time it felt like of his experiences.

hen I turned to Von Luckner. "Don't fire," I begged; hove to:"

"Cease firing!" he cried, and on the instant the gun crews dropped back to positions less strained.

And it was not till then that I made cut who the schooner was and recog-nized in her another vessel of my empleyers, commanded by a man I had known years before.

This I told to the raider captain, and here came up again in him his odd trait of doing the decent thing at an unexpected moment.

ic's in our employ," I said, and he turned toward me, more excited than laughing.

"What?" he asked. "Why, you must hid the captain welcome properly then," and he himself got from the cabin a great bunch of paper flowers. oses and lilies, with more leaves than rows and lilles ever had in natureand these he thrust to me as an offering of greeting to be given the schooner captain

Meanwhile, the Manila had come up, to collide with a great big surprise. commanding schooner, had tacked ship and made for the Seeadler, in the belief that he was going to the aid of a ship in dis-

not on the bridge when the raider opened fire-that there was a ship urning. Not the shot, but the flash. had carried across the water to the American, and he had come down as a resouer. It wasn't till the vessels were vithin hailing distance that he saw the German flag.

On the Manila they were getting ready to lower the boats, but the Germans yelled to them in English: Never mind the boat; we'll take you off." The words carried clearly from the megaphone across the quarter of mile between the vessels MOTOR-BOAT SHOVES OFF

He looked at me in surprise, nodded CREW ON THE JUMP WHEN over the flowers, and then, gazing

By George, I forgot my teeth." He could have said anything else. and we'd have known he had forgot-

Von Luckner elapped him shoulder and said:

"By George, we'll have to send a beat the captain's teeth."

So, while the prize crew

job than with the Johnson, and a cooks, walters, masters at arms-all quicker one than with the Slade. They these and more were brought before put a bomb in the hold of the Manila. and there was a detenation and a puff of smoke, and the white ridge of surg- Captain Petersen asked me, and only ing water, and that was all-not even bit of hobbling wreckage visible to us on the raider, whose number was now increased to ninety-eight-of Germans sixty-eight, from the A. B. Johnson nine, from the Slade ten, from the Manila ten also, and the ninety-eight the Hollander taken in the Atlantic still busy with the laundry of the of-

Again there had been brought a strange meeting in the middle of the Pacific-nine years ago it was that Captain Southard commanded the Alexander Gibson and I the Edward R. fairy tales to retail to others. West, when both were lying in Oak-

lighted with loot.

I have had the command of ten creased. but nover have I seen a dirtier one than the Seeadler, or one with a jotting off the names of his fingers, rummier looking crew. She looked like and then he'd add a few, and the next rusty old icon lime juice sailing ship, week still more, and that's about what she was, in fact, except for the lime juice part-for we mustn't give her clearance under false

there was plenty of time to study er, and to pick up her history, after the sinking of the Manila, for from that day-which was the 8th of Julytill we put in at Mopeha on the 31st of the same month, we sighted neither land nor vessel, except for the Island of Vostock, 200 miles north of Mopeha, where we made landfall the day before we put into the atoll where so much was to happen that neither we nor the Germans expected or hoped for.

ROAMING THE SEAS DAILY another south, without objective, for turret by a superior officer, and to Seeadler. we had no more purpose than a spider, show he didn't mind it at all, walked

Atthe Movies To-Day

BIJOU-Douglas Fuirbanks, in "A pictograph.

1818—To-day, "Jack and the Beanstalk." Beanstalk."

COLONIAL—Double bill to-day:
Virginia Pearson, in "Stolen Honor": "That Night," with Charlie
Murray, Mary Thurman and the
Mack Sennett-Paramount bathing beauties.

O DEON — Double bill to-day:
Francis X. Bushman and Beverly
Bayne, in "The Voice of Conscience"; William S. Hart, in "Horns
and Hoofs."

cept for the weekly tests, from the time the capture of the Manila till they were set to work in a hurry trying in vain to keep the pirate from disaster at Mopeha, and not only that,

Yet it was not really uninteresting, for all the anxiety of it and the fears oner for many weeks, being forced to and lack of object-though I dare say

He Few conditions give you a chance to finally escaped from a small South Sea study men as shipboard does, and here island on which the Secadler was final- were men of all kinds—and chiefly one man of one kind, Graf von Luck-Americans made a 1,000-mile dash in ner, first name Fellx, active captain lieutenant.

The third shot was sent skipping to walk up and down and talk-and through the tops of the waves, and we wish-but the commander of the raider aw the jet of water it threw up, un- more than once proved a relaxation, comfortably close to the Manila, and not only to talk to (for he was an "she's but to watch.

he'd look like nothing so much herself. a lumberjack. Personally I wish him no iil will,

CAPTAIN LOST AT CHECKERS maha. Now and then, by mishap, one of his officers would take a game from him; then there was no peace for two days; headed for Liverpool, when a German he wouldn't speak except to berate submarine emerged alongside, took and give orders that would keep the possession and sent her to a German whole ship's company on the jump. We've got to be careful about it." DIESEL ENGINES ON RAIDER one of the officers told me; "if one of us won a game on purpose, we

wasn't much time lost over the a thorough examination into the ques-it. The Germans did a better tion in hand. Officers, petty officers, in hand. Officers, petty officers, these and more were brought before him for questioning.

What happened? Are we lost?" after many minutes could I get enough sense from the din to answer. His Grafship had been served a pan-

cake made from unsifted flour, and in it he, buccaneer, sea rover, any term you will, had found a maggot.

How they spoofed him! And he too solemn ever to guess it. He was the biggest liar on earth, filling one with tales of wonderful German inventions that were going to end the war, of his each time the number of ships sunk own exploits, of anything that came into his mind-and stealing your own

and Creek, and in these nine years boat that could sail without a crew, picking off enemy warships. It never And again were the Germans de- failed to please him to tell this, and in the specific test he boasted of in-

"How many is that?" he would ask,

If one jollled him along, saying, "Can it be?" and "Most amazing thing I ever heard," he'd treat you like a brother.

He limped, and was proud of it, tell- that a return to Germany, ing one how he was in the battle of Jutland and was hit by a shell. He land, is a British prisoner, and with described it rapidly—the lines of bat- him Krause and Ludemann, able ofdescribed it rapidly—the lines of battleships, the smaller vessels scurrying like terriers, the booming, the great distances, the loss of ships and the pictures of the men clinging to wreckage, with shots falling all around them; one could but believe (and this was not adverse to him, either) that he was the direction spirit of the German. or the Germans expected or hoped for.

OAMING THE SEAS DAILY
WITHOUT OBJECTIVE PORT

We wandered around, making a few iles 2 day. One day we headed north. One day we headed north, mo the Graf had been ordered out of a was

action they had taken away some steps. He started to walk down them, and they weren't there, and so he went to the sick bay with the other casualties. EASY TO GUY HIM ABOUT

FEATHERS OF PACIFIC BIRDS servant may just have been spiteful. was casy to guy him.

There's a bird in the South Pacific which sailors call the bosun. It has a spiked tail of two long red feathers. Thinkin some officer, for a joke, told the count feathers were valuable. The count came to me, asking if that

"Sure," I said rashly. "How much are they worth in your of us.

"Fifty dollars apiece." I daresay you could buy a mattress

full of them for 3 cents. And after that, for days and days, while we drifted around, the commander sat on the bridge with a rifle in his hand, taking pot shots at every bosun bird that came within range, and ordering boats lowered to retrieve her from astern, and hoisted signals. those he hit, and telling exactly how he was going to have the birds set for ome duchess of a lady love of his. Every hour they lowered away the boats, and every hour the pile of tail feathers grew, till there were red spikes all over the ship. And they couldn't head him off-no one dared

feathers grew, till there were rot in the delication in the process of the state of Count he was, and there's no telling offhand how many generations of counts there have been before him in his family, but put him in overalls, and a blue shirt and with his big lanky frame he'd look like nothing so much as a lumberiack.

It took a little scheming to get a and whether he's in Suva or Auckland, or at the other end of the earth, I hope he gets from his captors the courtesy he showed me when I was his prisoner. and whether he's in Suva or Auckland, or at the other end of the earth, I hope he gets from his captors the courtesy has howed me when I was his prisoner.

And yet, I wouldn't have liked to have beaten him at checkers. That started putting into San Francisco occupied the motor-hoat, with They put out the motor-boat, with a prize crew, and we stood, Captain Petersen and I, and the German officers, watching closely, I with the beuquet of paper flowers in my hand, trying to shield it from the rain with my coat.

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At that time she was the Pass Bal-

wegian, and so was the flag painted on the freeboard, but they carried it out finer than that—Norwegian down to the records for the phonograph and the pictures and books in the cabin.

She sailed from Bremen December 21. 316, with a deckload of lumber, and four days later came mighty near havfour days later came mighty near having her career cut short then and there, for she was boarded by officers from a British eruiser—the Highland—as far as I could make out. But the ruse worked, the British were fooled, and the Secadler jettisoned the deckload of lumber, made tracks for the South Atlantic, and there set to work, with a year's supplies cheerly work, with a year's supplies aboard, the guns in their blinds, and ammuni-tion enough to sink a merchant fleet.

And sink a merchant fleet she did. Whether the bulk of the Secadler's rew. which escaped from Mohepa Island in the aptured French schooner Lutece, is still at large on the Pacific, possibly in a new raider captured with the little trader, is more than we can say here and now. But it seems to me doubtful if, taking pot luck that way in the matter of finding a vessel, and rather worse luck in arming her. can do the damage done by the Secadler in the Atlantic.

Yet they have some timber, barring mutiny among the crew, which for the most part wanted only one thing, and

Graf von Luckner, veteran of Jutsetting a precedent for the

But, whether dissatisfied or not, which lets the other fellow do the fly- with his nose in the air, so he didn't sailors themselves and their petty of-

notice that in clearing the ship for ficers had learned a thing or two about the trade of being pirate.

In the waiting and hoping days on my captivity, I learned among other things more than a little of what had occurred in the South Atlantic, where the Secadler sank thirteen ships be-fore setting their 300 survivors ashore But for all I know positively, that ervant may just have been spiteful.

This much I do know, however—it was easy to guy him.

There's a bird in the South Pacific around a table the long warm a table the long, warm

> Thinking upon all they told me, it wasn't comforting to remember that the least of the deeds was cause enough for condign punishment, and if ever a shot hit the old tub of a pirate, filled as she was with oil and ammuni-tion, there would be an inglorious end

The officers, as they discussed their work while fraternizing and passing the time, seemed to take especial pride in the way they had but an two or thre of the many ships they

As they told it, it all seemed like the patter of a crook slipping up boldly while throwing the victim off guard.

"Where are you from?"
"Where bound to?"
"What cargo?" tance between the vessels was shorten-

the steamer put on all pressure, the shots began to fall, till one went right through the engine-room. The "black squad" every man jack, fled for their lives, but on the bridge the captain knew nothing of that, nor of the damage the shot had done in turning the engine-room into a hole where the engine-room into a hole where any living thing would be beiled alive, with broken steam pipes letting loose all the power that had been made to get the steamer out of danger.

Then the lack of answer to the telegraph showed him something was wrong, and he pulled th wire to "Stop," but for all his ringing of the telegraph, the steamer went on under her momentum and with the part of the machinery that Ladn't been disabled. So he swung her round.

Splinters and shots were flying all route. The new rates would be 33 around, and it was no time for dally-ing. The captain having hove to give cotton and cotton linters, and 48 cents A year ago the British seized her raider, whose fire increased as they

The code book was brought, and the leaves flew as the steamer captain leaves flew as the steamer captain tried to find the signal for "my engine is disabled." But nothing would come right, the signal was gone from his There she was fitted with a powerful set of Diesel engines, which the Germans had taken over at the beginning of the war. They were Danish engines, sent to Belgium for exhibition So, while the prize crew was doing its work on the schooner, and we on the pirate were swapping cautions and advice and experiences with the men from the Manila, the motor-boat put back once more, with Captain Southard, that he might search for his false test in the cabin where he had been sleeping when the alarm was given him. He came back to us a happier is a terrible hullabalco.

Wouldn't speak to him.

Nor was the count less exacting in mans had taken over at the beginning of the war. They were Danish engines, sent to Belgium for exhibition, and had been built for a steamer of 5,000 tons. Two cylinders had to be taken out before they were of any use in the submarine's prize.

They've mutinied at last, by jingo!"

I cried, and raced up the steps two at a time. But they hadn't. There at a time. But they hadn't. There was a three-masted, sieguare-rigged ship of about 2,300 tons.

For the raiding cruise she was fitted out like a Norwegian. A score of the apprentice boy on the steamer was a parentice by one parents and taken over at the beginning on the bladen where parents are parents and taken over at the beginning of th

out like a Norwegian. A score of the crew talked Norwegian like natives, an apprentice boy on the steamer was and these were left for the actual work of taking the ship by the British lines, the raider and tried to operate, but the rest hidden Her papers, of course, were Nor. night of the attack.

The British captain gave Graf von Luckner a letter certifying that all that was possible to save the lad's life had been done (To Be Continued.)

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OBJECT CLOAKED IN MYSTERY

Argentine Officials Believe Spreading of Neutrality Propaganda Is Purpose of Visitors - President Delays Trip to Capitol.

I By Associated Press. 1

BUENOS AIRES, January 18 .- Foreign Minister Pueyrredon received to- nue, created considerable excitement day, as unofficial tourists, the Mexican this morning. The blaze was exmission, headed by Luis Cabrera. The tinguished by the use of chemical aphis son, Henry Pitzer, out of the army.

Mexicans explained to him that they before damage of any consequence was done. Mexicans explained to him that they paratus before damage of any conexpect to attend the South American neutrality conference when it is held. and have been directed by President

They expect to visit Uruguay, Chile, the rector. A recent letter from Rev. Charles d'Aubigne will be read by Rev. They informed the Foreign Minister that they had been notified of the cond Presbyterian Church. postponement of the neutrality conference before leaving New York, and, guests of the nation during their sojourn in Argentina.

It is generally believed here the real mission of the Mexicans is to spread neutrality propaganda. Cabrera said and the four- to-night that he hoped to be received by President Irigoyen within a few days, when he "will tell the true objects of my mission."

The newspapers comment on the fact that the President delayed his arrival at his office nearly two hours tohour after the Mexicans had left the government building after their inter-

#### WILL REDISTRIBUTE FLOUR **HELD BY CAROLINA HOARDERS**

Government and County Agents Find 1,000 Barrels Bought in Violation of Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BALEIGH, N. C., January 18.—The mearding of more than 1,000 barrels of flour has been brought to light during the past two days in Vance County by George H. Humber, of the staff of the United States Food Administration, and R. S. McCoin, county food administrator for Vance County

Practically all of this flour had been sold by the merchants of Henderson, who, upon information that they had violated the law by selling flour larger quantities than are allowed, very readily co-operated with Humber and McCoin in compiling a list of the con-sumers, mostly farmers, who had purchased considerable quantities of flour.
This flour will be redistributed, as necessity demands, under the direction of County Food Administrator McCoin.
Such a spirit of co-operation and such a desire to conform to the program of the food administration management. the food administration was shown by the morekants and by those con mers who have been seen to this date that it is unlikely that any prosecutions will be necessary, officials of the food ad-ministration stating that they have no desire to prosecute, but merely to put

Ask Increased Bate.

WASHINGTON, January 15 .-- To give New Orleans the same rate basis as Galveston, the Southern Pacific and the Atlantic Steamship lines asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day to increase rates about 20 per cent on At this the Seeadler thought he was cotton and cotton linters originating trying to ram, and the gun crews in Oklahoma and destined for New York worked fast and the machine gun beby way of New Orleans and the water on uncompressed.

> Inch of Snow Falls After Midnight. After a bright day in which the tem-perature had kept well above the freezing mark, the skies became overcast and at midnight snow began to fall, more than an inch having fallen by 2 o'clock this morning. The weather o'clock this morning. The weather forecast for totday is for fair and colder weather with increasing cloudiness

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an end to the custom of making large, VALLEY FARMERS INJURE purchases and to secure a redistribution of such flour, sugar and other products as may be held in large quanti.

Secret Service agents, in addition to the regular forces of the food admin-Cabrera Mission Touring South istration, will co-operate in similar in-American Nations Before Attend- vestigations in other cities and coun-

### OVERHEATED FURNACE

Small Fire on Hanover Avenue Occa sions Great Alarm in Neighborhood.

a furnace in the basement underneath the kitchen of the residence of Mrs. H. M. Anderson, 1805 Hanner Avesequence was done.

Huguenot Society to Meet.

which is interdenominational in character, will hold a mass-meeting at St. period in studying the South Ameri-can republics.

They expect to visit Uruguay, Chile,

Reter. Will note a mass-necting at St.

Paul's Church to-morrow night at 8 standers separate o'clock. The address will be delivered smaller than Pitz by Rev. Walter Russell Bowle. D. D., ably 250 pounds. the rector. A recent letter from Rev. Pitzer's son was

EACH OTHER IN FIST FIGHT

Edward H. Moore and George I. Pitser Beat One Another Severely.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, VA. January 18 de In a personal encounter to-day between George I. Pitzer and Edward H. tween George I. Pitzer and Edward H. Moore, wealthy and prominent farmers, both were hadly injured, the former from being struck repeatedly over the head and face with a poker wielded by Moore, while the latter had his left ear torn almost from his head, an eya blackened and his face severely lacerated. Moore had his head swathed in ated. Moore had his head swathed in cotton and bandages when he swore out a warrant for Pitzer, who is in hed under a physician's care.

The men met in a country store and, during a general conversation, Pitzer is said to have charged Moore with having circulated stories that Pitzer by Pitzer. Pitzer is also said to have grabbed Moore in the throat, pushing him off a chair. Moore is reported to Huguenot Evangelical Society, have seized a poker as he fell and to have beaten Pitzer over the head. Both men were covered with blood when by-standers separated them, Moore is much smaller than Pitzer, who weighs prob-

Pitzer's son was exempted by the dis-trict board under the first draft, but the local and district boards recently certified him for service

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